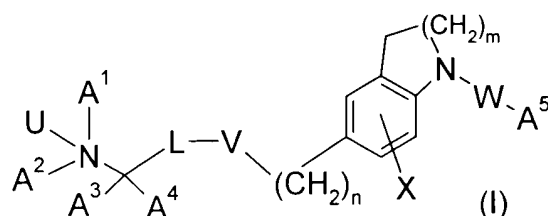


In the Claims:

1. (amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

compounds of formula (I)



wherein

U is O or a lone pair,

V is a) O, S, NR<sup>1</sup>, or CH<sub>2</sub>, and L is lower-alkylene or lower-alkenylene,  
 b) -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and L is lower-alkylene or a single bond,

W is CO, COO, CONR<sup>2</sup>, CSO, CSNR<sup>2</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>, or SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>2</sup>,

X is hydrogen or one or more optional halogen and/or lower-alkyl substituents,

m is 1 or 2,

n is 0 to 7,

A<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, lower-alkenyl, or lower-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, lower-alkoxy, or thio-lower-alkoxy,

A<sup>2</sup> is cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, lower-alkenyl, lower-alkinyl, or lower-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy, lower-alkoxy or thio-lower-alkoxy,

A<sup>3</sup> and A<sup>4</sup> independently from each other are hydrogen or lower-alkyl, or

A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> or A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>3</sup> are bonded to each other to form a ring and -A<sup>1</sup>-A<sup>2</sup>- or -A<sup>1</sup>-A<sup>3</sup>- are lower-alkylene or lower-alkenylene, optionally substituted by R<sup>3</sup>, in which one -CH<sub>2</sub>- group of -A<sup>1</sup>-A<sup>2</sup>- or -A<sup>1</sup>-A<sup>3</sup>- can optionally be replaced by NR<sup>4</sup>, S, or O,

A<sup>5</sup> is cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, heterocycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, aryl, aryl-lower-alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl-lower-alkyl, lower-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or lower-alkoxy, alkenyl optionally substituted with hydroxy, or alkadienyl optionally substituted with hydroxy,

R<sup>3</sup> is hydroxy, lower-alkoxy, thio-lower-alkoxy, N(R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>), or lower-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy,

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> independently from each other are hydrogen or lower-alkyl;

pharmaceutically acceptable salts of compounds of formula (I); and

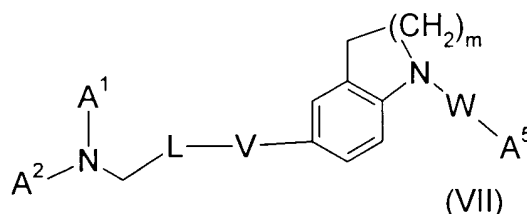
pharmaceutically acceptable esters of compounds of formula (I).

2. (original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein U is a lone pair.
3. (original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein V is O or CH<sub>2</sub>, and L is lower-alkylene or lower-alkenylene.
4. (original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein V is -C≡C- and L is lower-alkylene or a single bond.
5. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein n is 0.
6. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is lower-alkyl.
7. (original) The compound according to claim 6, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is methyl or ethyl.

8. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein  $A^2$  is lower-alkenyl, or lower-alkyl optionally substituted by hydroxy or lower-alkoxy.
9. (original) The compound according to claim 8, wherein  $A^2$  is 2-propenyl or 2-hydroxy-ethyl.
10. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein  $A^1$  and  $A^2$  are bonded to each other to form a ring and  $-A^1-A^2-$  is lower-alkylene or lower-alkenylene, optionally substituted by  $R^3$ , in which one  $-CH_2-$  group of  $-A^1-A^2-$  can optionally be replaced by  $NR^4$ , S, or O, wherein  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in claim 1.
11. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein  $A^3$  is hydrogen.
12. (original) The compound according to claim 11, wherein  $A^4$  is hydrogen.
13. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein  $A^5$  is cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, heterocycloalkyl-lower-alkyl, aryl, aryl-lower-alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryl-lower-alkyl, or lower-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or lower-alkoxy.
14. (original) The compound according to claim 13, wherein  $A^5$  is phenyl or benzyl, optionally substituted by 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of fluorine and chlorine, or wherein  $A^5$  is lower-alkyl.
15. (original) The compound according to claim 14, wherein  $A^5$  is phenyl, 4-fluoro-phenyl, 4-chloro-phenyl, butyl, or pentyl.

16. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein W is COO, CONR<sup>2</sup>, CSO, or CSNR<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen.
17. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein X is hydrogen.
18. (original) The compound according to claim 3, wherein X is fluorine.
19. (original) A compound according to claim 2, selected from the group consisting of:  
5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pent-1-ynyl]-6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-phenyl ester,  
5-{5-[Ethyl-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amino]-pent-1-ynyl}-6-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-phenyl ester,  
6-Fluoro-5-[5-(methyl-propyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid phenyl ester,  
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts or pharmaceutically acceptable esters thereof.
20. (amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

compounds of formula (VII)



wherein

- V is O or CH<sub>2</sub>;  
L is lower-alkylene or lower-alkenylene;  
W is COO, CONH, CSNH or CSO;  
A<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or lower-alkyl;  
A<sup>2</sup> is lower alkyl or lower alkenyl;  
m is 1 or 2; and  
A<sup>5</sup> is lower alkyl, phenyl or lower alkyl phenyl, wherein the phenyl group is optionally substituted with halogen;

pharmaceutically acceptable salts of compounds of formula (VII); and

pharmaceutically acceptable esters of compound of formula (VII).

21. (original) The compound according to claim 20, wherein V is CH<sub>2</sub>.
22. (original) The compound according to claim 21, wherein m is 1.
23. (original) The compound according to claim 22, wherein W is COO.
24. (original) The compound according to claim 23, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-phenyl ester.
25. (original) The compound according to claim 24, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid 4-chloro-phenyl ester.

26. (original) The compound according to claim 22, wherein W is CONH.
27. (original) The compound according to claim 26, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide.
28. (original) The compound according to claim 27, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carboxylic acid (4-fluoro-phenyl)-amide.
29. (original) The compound according to claim 22, wherein W is CSNH.
30. (original) The compound according to claim 29, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide.
31. (original) The compound according to claim 30, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid (4-chloro-phenyl)-amide.
32. (original) The compound according to claim 29, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid 4-chloro-benzylamide.
33. (original) The compound according to claim 32, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid 4-chloro-benzylamide.
34. (original) The compound according to claim 22, wherein W is CSO.

35. (original) The compound according to claim 34, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-chloro-phenyl) ester.
36. (original) The compound according to claim 35, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-chloro-phenyl) ester.
37. (original) The compound according to claim 34, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-fluoro-phenyl) ester.
38. (original) The compound according to claim 37, which is 5-[5-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-pentyl]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-fluoro-phenyl) ester.
39. (cancelled).
40. (original) The compound according to claim 20, wherein V is O.
41. (original) The compound according to claim 40, wherein m is 1.
42. (original) The compound according to claim 41, wherein W is COO.
43. (original) The compound according to claim 41, wherein W is CONH.
44. (original) The compound according to claim 41, wherein W is CSNH.

45. (original) The compound according to claim 44, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide.
46. (original) The compound according to claim 45, which is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid 4-fluoro-benzylamide.
47. (original) The compound according to claim 44, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid butylamide.
48. (original) The compound according to claim 47, which is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid butylamide.
49. (original) The compound according to claim 44, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid (2-methyl-butyl)-amide.
50. (original) The compound according to claim 49, which is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid (2-methyl-butyl)-amide.
51. (original) The compound according to claim 41, wherein W is CSO.



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52. (original) The compound according to claim 51, wherein the compound of formula (VII) is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-chloro-phenyl) ester.
53. (original) The compound according to claim 52, which is 5-[4-(Allyl-methyl-amino)-butoxy]-2,3-dihydro-indole-1-carbothioic acid O-(4-chloro-phenyl) ester.
- 54-61. (cancelled) The compound according to claim 40, wherein m is 2.
62. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and at least one of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.
63. (cancelled)